

Improved Estimates on Initial Coefficients of Certain Subclasses of Bi-univalent Functions

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Abstract

In the present paper, we derive estimates on initial coefficients $|a_2|$, $|a_3|$ and $|a_4|$ for functions belong to the two well known subclasses $\mathcal{T}_\Sigma(\beta)$ and $\mathcal{T}_\Sigma^\alpha$ of the bi-univalent function class Σ defined in the open unit disk \mathbb{U} . These estimates shows improvements in the earlier known estimates for the two subclasses.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let \mathcal{S} denote the class described as $\mathcal{S} = \{f : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } f \text{ is analytic and univalent in } \mathbb{U}; f(0) = 0; f'(0) = 1\}$ such that every function $f \in \mathcal{S}$ has a Taylor-Maclaurin expansion of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots \quad (1.1)$$

Let g be the analytic extension of inverse function f^{-1} to \mathbb{U} given by (see [6, 15])

$$g(w) = w - a_2 w^2 + (2a_2^2 - a_3)w^3 - (5a_2^3 - 5a_2 a_3 + a_4)w^4 + \dots \quad (1.2)$$

Then $\Sigma = \{f \in \mathcal{S} : f \text{ and } g \text{ both are univalent in the unit disk } \mathbb{U}\}$ defines the bi-univalent function class.

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In 1967, Lewin [10] has extended the theory of univalent functions to bi-univalent functions and proved that $|a_2| < 1.51$ for $f \in \Sigma$. Further in 1979, Brannan and Clunie [2] conjectured that $|a_2| \leq \sqrt{2}$ and subsequently, Goodman [7] believed that $|a_n| \leq 1$ may be true for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $f \in \Sigma$. But then in 1981, Styer and Wright [18] proved that there exist functions in Σ for which $|a_2| > 4/3$ and in 1984, Tan [19] showed that $|a_2| \leq 1.485$ for $f \in \Sigma$.

In fact, after the work of Brannan and Taha [3], the pioneering research article of Srivastava et al. [17] revived the concept of coefficient inequalities of the functions $f \in \Sigma$. Motivated by them, many researchers (viz. [1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 20]) have been studied and investigated various subclasses of Σ and obtained estimates on initial coefficients for the functions in these subclasses. But still the coefficient estimate problem for $|a_n|$, ($n = 3, 4, 5, \dots$) remain open.

We have used the following Lemma to prove our main results (see [6]).

Lemma 1.1. (Carathéodory Lemma) *Let \mathcal{P} denotes the class of all analytic functions in \mathbb{U} with positive real part. If $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}$ have the form*

$$p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n z^n, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}), \text{ then } |p_n| \leq 2 \text{ for each } n \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$

Using an univalence criterion given by Ozaki and Nunokawa [12], Naik and Patil [11] introduced the following two subclasses.

Definition 1.2. A function $f(z) \in \Sigma$ given by (1.1) is said to be in the class $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}(\beta)$ if we have:

$$\Re \left(\frac{z^2 f'(z)}{(f(z))^2} \right) > \beta, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and

$$\Re \left(\frac{w^2 g'(w)}{(g(w))^2} \right) > \beta, \quad (w \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where $0 \leq \beta < 1$ and the function $g \equiv f^{-1}$ is given by (1.2).

Definition 1.3. A function $f(z) \in \Sigma$ given by (1.1) is said to be in the class $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}^{\alpha}$ if we have:

$$\left| \arg \left(\frac{z^2 f'(z)}{(f(z))^2} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and

$$\left| \arg \left(\frac{w^2 g'(w)}{(g(w))^2} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}, \quad (w \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and the function $g \equiv f^{-1}$ is given by (1.2).

In this paper, we obtain estimates on the initial coefficient $|a_2|$, $|a_3|$ and $|a_4|$ for functions belong to the subclasses $\mathcal{T}_\Sigma(\beta)$ and $\mathcal{T}_\Sigma^\alpha$. These results improves the corresponding results of Naik and Patil [11].

2. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 2.1. *Let the function $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma(\beta)$ be of the form (1.1). Then,*

$$|a_2| \leq \begin{cases} 1, & (0 \leq \beta \leq \frac{1}{2}) \\ \sqrt{2(1-\beta)}, & (\frac{1}{2} \leq \beta < 1), \end{cases}$$

$|a_3| \leq 2(1-\beta)$ and $|a_4| \leq 3(1-\beta)$, where $0 \leq \beta < 1$.

Proof. Using Definition 1.2 we can write

$$\frac{z^2 f'(z)}{(f(z))^2} = \beta + (1-\beta)u(z) \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\frac{w^2 g'(w)}{(g(w))^2} = \beta + (1-\beta)v(w), \quad (2.2)$$

where $u(z), v(w) \in \mathcal{P}$ such that

$$u(z) = 1 + u_1 z + u_2 z^2 + u_3 z^3 + \dots, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$v(w) = 1 + v_1 w + v_2 w^2 + v_3 w^3 + \dots, \quad (w \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (2.4)$$

Hence we have

$$\beta + (1-\beta)u(z) = 1 + (1-\beta)u_1 z + (1-\beta)u_2 z^2 + (1-\beta)u_3 z^3 + \dots$$

and

$$\beta + (1-\beta)v(w) = 1 + (1-\beta)v_1 w + (1-\beta)v_2 w^2 + (1-\beta)v_3 w^3 + \dots.$$

Also, some simple calculations gives

$$\frac{z^2 f'(z)}{(f(z))^2} = 1 + (a_3 - a_2^2) z^2 + 2(a_2^3 + a_4 - 2a_2 a_3) z^3 + \dots \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$\frac{w^2 g'(w)}{(g(w))^2} = 1 - (a_3 - a_2^2) w^2 - 2(2a_2^3 + a_4 - 3a_2 a_3) w^3 + \dots. \quad (2.6)$$

Now, equating the coefficients in (2.1) and (2.2) we get $u_1 = v_1 = 0$ and also,

$$(a_3 - a_2^2) = (1 - \beta) u_2, \quad (2.7)$$

$$2(a_2^3 + a_4 - 2a_2a_3) = (1 - \beta) u_3, \quad (2.8)$$

$$-(a_3 - a_2^2) = (1 - \beta) v_2, \quad (2.9)$$

$$-2(2a_2^3 + a_4 - 3a_2a_3) = (1 - \beta) v_3. \quad (2.10)$$

Equation (2.7) and (2.9) along with Lemma 1.1 gives

$$|a_3 - a_2^2| = |(1 - \beta) u_2| = (1 - \beta) |u_2| \leq 2(1 - \beta) \quad (2.11)$$

and

$$|a_2^2 - a_3| = |(1 - \beta) v_2| = (1 - \beta) |v_2| \leq 2(1 - \beta), \quad (2.12)$$

respectively. Further, adding (2.8) in (2.10), we obtain

$$2a_2(a_3 - a_2^2) = (1 - \beta)(u_3 + v_3) \quad (2.13)$$

which, on using Lemma 1.1 gives

$$|a_2(a_3 - a_2^2)| = |a_2| |a_3 - a_2^2| \leq 2(1 - \beta). \quad (2.14)$$

Equations (2.11) and (2.14) together yields

$$|a_2| \leq 1. \quad (2.15)$$

Also, applying the triangle inequality $||z_1| - |z_2|| \leq |z_1 - z_2|$ in (2.12), we obtain

$$|a_2^2| - |a_3| \leq |a_2^2 - a_3| \leq 2(1 - \beta). \quad (2.16)$$

Clearly, it gives

$$|a_2^2| \leq 2(1 - \beta). \quad (2.17)$$

Equation (2.15) and (2.17) together gives $|a_2| \leq \min \left\{ 1, \sqrt{2(1 - \beta)} \right\}$, which proves the required estimate on $|a_2|$ according to the range of β .

Now, subtracting (2.10) from (2.8), we get

$$2(3a_2^3 + 2a_4 - 5a_2a_3) = (1 - \beta)(u_3 - v_3). \quad (2.18)$$

Eliminating a_2^3 using (2.13) and (2.18) gives

$$4(a_4 - a_2a_3) = (1 - \beta)(4u_3 + 2v_3) \quad (2.19)$$

which, by using Lemma 1.1 gives

$$|a_4 - a_2a_3| \leq 3(1 - \beta). \tag{2.20}$$

Now, using the triangle inequality in equation (2.11) and (2.20), we get

$$|a_3| - |a_2^2| \leq |a_3 - a_2^2| \leq 2(1 - \beta) \implies |a_3| \leq 2(1 - \beta)$$

and

$$|a_4| - |a_2a_3| \leq |a_4 - a_2a_3| \leq 3(1 - \beta) \implies |a_4| \leq 3(1 - \beta),$$

respectively. This completes the proof. □

Theorem 2.2. *Let the function $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma^\alpha$ be of the form (1.1). Then,*

$$|a_2| \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{2\alpha}, & (0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}) \\ 1, & (\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha \leq 1), \end{cases}$$

$|a_3| \leq 2\alpha$ and $|a_4| \leq 3\alpha$, where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$.

Proof. Definition 1.3 implies that there exist functions $u(z), v(w) \in \mathcal{P}$ given by (2.3) and (2.4) respectively, such that

$$\frac{z^2 f'(z)}{(f(z))^2} = [u(z)]^\alpha \tag{2.21}$$

and

$$\frac{w^2 g'(w)}{(g(w))^2} = [v(w)]^\alpha. \tag{2.22}$$

Clearly, we have

$$[u(z)]^\alpha = 1 + \alpha u_1 z + \left[\alpha u_2 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)}{2} u_1^2 \right] z^2 + \left[\alpha u_3 + \alpha(\alpha - 1) u_1 u_2 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2)}{6} u_1^3 \right] z^3 + \dots$$

and

$$[v(w)]^\alpha = 1 + \alpha v_1 w + \left[\alpha v_2 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)}{2} v_1^2 \right] w^2 + \left[\alpha v_3 + \alpha(\alpha - 1) v_1 v_2 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2)}{6} v_1^3 \right] w^3 + \dots$$

Observe that, by equating the coefficients in (2.21) and (2.22) we get $u_1 = v_1 = 0$ and also the following equalities

$$(a_3 - a_2^2) = \alpha u_2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(a_2^3 + a_4 - 2a_2a_3) &= \alpha u_3, \\ -(a_3 - a_2^2) &= \alpha v_2, \\ -2(2a_2^3 + a_4 - 3a_2a_3) &= \alpha v_3. \end{aligned}$$

Now, continuing as in Theorem 2.1, we can complete the further proof. □

Above two theorems shows improvements in the corresponding theorems stated and proved by Naik and Patil [11].

Remark 2.3. All the three coefficient inequalities obtained for functions belong to the subclasses $\mathcal{T}_\Sigma(\beta)$ and $\mathcal{T}_\Sigma^\alpha$ are similar along with the following relations:

- (1) $(1 - \beta) = \alpha \quad (0 < \alpha \leq 1, 0 \leq \beta < 1)$,
- (2) $(0 \leq \beta \leq \frac{1}{2}) \equiv (\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha \leq 1)$,
- (3) $(\frac{1}{2} \leq \beta < 1) \equiv (0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2})$.

The above two theorems implies to the following conjecture, open to the researchers in this field.

Conjecture 2.4. For the function $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma(\beta)$, $|a_n| \leq (n - 1)(1 - \beta)$ and for the function $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma^\alpha$, $|a_n| \leq (n - 1)\alpha$ where $n = 3, 4, 5, \dots$.

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